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Keeping Families Together

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Well guess what time it is!!

If you said time to renew your membership in the Pueblo PFLAG you are absolutely correct! At the end of this newsletter you will find your yearly form. Please check all boxes that apply and return in the envelope that is (hopefully) enclosed. You will notice a small increase in the membership dues. That is because National has raised their dues and we are also obligated to send the Coalition $2.00 from each membership. ***Inflation has hit PFLAG!***

CALENDAR

November 14, 1999 - PFLAG monthly meeting at 110 Calla. 2:00 pm. Bring your own beverage. Jalia will furnish refreshment. This will be our last meeting before World AIDS Day, so you need to come to see what you can do to help.

December 1, 1999 World AIDS Day observance to be held at Sangre de Cristo Arts Center beginning at 5:30 with mingling and an interfaith service to begin at 6:00. We will dedicate 3 new panels for the Memorial Quilt. A candlelight memorial will end the evening. If you have never attended one of these I urge you to come this year and make your heart lighter.

Loulou's Little Gossip Corner

There is so much gossip that it boggles my mind, but first I must tell you people out there who think I did not raise brilliant children, that I do indeed have a stellar son in the fruit of my loins, ***Sam.*** Having just got off the phone with him I want you to know that he installed a new switch in his house without turning off the electricity. ***Course he isn't near as bright as he was there for a second when the electricity arced!***

I have intercepted an email that was sent to Frank and Kay by our very own ***Pepper.*** He and Rusty are going to be in this town the Saturday after Thanksgiving. If you are interested in seeing the little fellows give me a call at 546-1555 and we will cook something up. Anyway, here is that email in it's entirety:

Hello Friends

Well we are back from a wonderful vacation in Italy. This trip was so magical. Rusty says it was the best Italy trip he has taken. Partly because we had such great weather. And also because I had tranquilizers for the plane trip.

We started in Rome where we stayed there for 2 days. Took a night train to Venice and we stayed there for 4 days. Afterwards, we hopped on a train to Florence where we stayed for 4

days. In Florence we rented a car and drove through the smaller medieval, castle topped, hilltop towns of the Umbria, Tuscany and Lazio regions. We ended our trip back in Rome for 3 days where we stayed with Rusty's friend Patrizian and her husband Marco and daughter Camilla. They lived on the edge of a lake high on a volcano crater that overlooks the sea. It was without a doubt so perfect.

My favorite place was Venice and next Corciano, a small, very small, medieval town with a castle at the very top. It was so small and quaint. Unlike Rome, which I didn't like cause it was too crowded and too full of tourists. Florence was nice but also a bit on the touristy part.

Rusty's friends were so wonderful and we met so many new folks. We were treated royally. And all his friends have invited us back to stay with them. Rusty wants to open a touring business there where we can do it on the summers. It just might happen.

As we drove through Tuscany we got to stay at a few interesting places. One was an old Monastery that had been converted into a hotel. It was on the edge of a cliff overlooking the Tuscan hills. It was in Cortonna. Also, and my favorite was a small town in Chianti country where we stayed at a restored old farmhouse. And I can't tell you how incredible this was. It was 4 stories and inside it was decorated like something out of house beautiful. From our window we could see hills full of vineyards. It was very isolated and it had a nice deck that looked over Tuscany. Outside the place looked like a small castle with iron gates included. It was so romantic and cozy. It has 13 rooms only so quite small and comfortable.

I shot 35 rolls of film. When I get them developed, hopefully by Friday, I will email you my 5 favorite.

Hope everyone is well.

Take care

Pepper

Now, doesn't that make you homesick for Rusty and Pepper?

Our hallowed leader (***that's you Georgia***) has returned from ***Germany*** and I trust she will share with us at the meeting.

Oh, before I forget. The December meeting, and ***only the December meeting*** will be held at a different location. Every year we bake goodies and pack them in pretty bags and take them across town to Southern Colorado AIDS Project's office to be distributed to the clients of SCAP. This year we will meet at the SCAP office and pack the bags there and then leave them. ***What a stroke of genius!!*** If you cannot make the meeting and would like to have your goodies picked up, call Jalia at 542-6359 and she will make arrangements for your goodies to get there on their own. Jalia is a good old gal!!

Well, I guess I will call it a night.